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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored AB 195 (Hall)** - related to design-build contract authority, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 24, 2013.
 - **County-sponsored AB 246 (Bradford)** - related to the Brown Act, which would add the Governor to the list of officials whom local governing bodies can meet with in closed session on specified security matters, was signed by the Governor on June 24, 2013. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2014.
 - **County-sponsored AB 506 (Mitchell)** - related to consent for HIV testing of an infant less than 12 months of age who is placed in foster care, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 25, 2013.
 - **County-sponsored AB 512 (Rendon)** - related to the extension of the sunset date for exemptions from State licensing requirements for volunteer out-of-State health care practitioners, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 24, 2013.

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- **County-co-sponsored SB 473 (Block)** - related to the addition of pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of felony offenses that may be used to establish a pattern of criminal gang activity, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on June 25, 2013.
 - **Status of County Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-opposed AB 537 (Bonta)** - related to collective bargaining, passed the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee on June 24, 2013.
 - **County-supported SB 4 (Pavley)** - related to an independent study on hydraulic fracturing and development of a comprehensive statutory framework for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing, was amended on June 18, 2013.
 - **County-supported SBX1 3 (Hernandez)** - related to the health care Bridge Plan for qualified low-income persons, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 24, 2013.
 - **Status of Legislation of County Interest**
 - **SB 528 (Yee)** - related to minor and non-minor dependent parents, passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on June 25, 2013.
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Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 195 (Hall), which as amended on May 20, 2013, would amend Section 20133 of the Public Contract Code to extend the existing sunset date for design-build authority granted to counties from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2016, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on June 24, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-sponsored AB 246 (Bradford), which as introduced on February 6, 2013, would amend the Brown Act to add the Governor to the existing list of officials, including the Attorney General, district attorney, agency counsel, sheriff, or chief of police, whom local governing bodies can meet in closed session with on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, essential public services, or a threat to the public's right to access public facilities or public services such as water and power resources, was signed by Governor Brown on June 24, 2013, and it is Chapter 11, Statutes of 2013. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2014.

County-sponsored AB 506 (Mitchell), which as amended on June 14, 2013, would allow a social worker, under specified conditions, to provide consent for an HIV test as part of the routine physical examination for infants less than 12 months of age who are placed in foster care, and would allow the physician to provide immediate HIV care for an infant who tests positive, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on June 25, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-sponsored AB 512 (Rendon), which as introduced on February 20, 2013, would extend the sunset date of **County-sponsored 2699 (Bass) of 2010**, from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2018, to provide exemptions from State licensing requirements for qualified out-of-State health care practitioners to provide short-term, volunteer medical and dental services, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on June 24, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

County-co-sponsored SB 473 (Block), which as amended on May 28, 2013, would add pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of felony offenses that may be used to establish a pattern of criminal gang activity pursuant to Proposition 21 of 2000 and make an individual eligible for enhanced criminal sentences and penalties, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on June 25, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status of County Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 537 (Bonta), which as amended on June 17, 2013, would make various changes to labor negotiation statutes related to ground rules, ratifications of MOUs, arbitration and fact finding, including making mediation mandatory after an impasse if either party requests it rather than by mutual agreement, passed the Senate Public Employment and Retirement by a vote of 3 to 2 on June 24, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported SB 4 (Pavley), which as amended on May 24, 2013, would require an independent scientific study on hydraulic fracturing to be conducted by January 1, 2015 and would provide a comprehensive regulatory framework for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing in California, was amended on June 18, 2013.

As amended, this bill would now cover other "well stimulation" practices in addition to hydraulic fracturing, such as acid stimulation. The amendments define well stimulation treatment as a treatment applied to a well in order to enhance oil and gas production which includes, but is not limited to, hydraulic fracturing treatments and acid well

stimulation treatments. The bill also defines acid well stimulation treatment as a well stimulation treatment that uses, in whole or in part, the application of one or more acids to the well or underground geologic formation with the intent to cause or enhance the production of oil or gas from a well.

The framework of the bill remains the same in that it still requires the independent scientific study of well stimulation treatments to be conducted by January 1, 2015 and adoption of a comprehensive regulatory framework for well stimulation treatments. The amendments also add requirements for air and water quality monitoring by State agencies and local water quality boards in districts where well stimulation treatments take place. Because the bill as amended still falls within the directive of the Board-approved motion of April 2, 2013 to support SB 4 and other fracking-related legislation that would provide at least SB 4's level of protection for public health and safety, **the Sacramento advocates will continue to support SB 4.**

SB 4 is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on July 1, 2013.

County-supported SBX1 3 (Hernandez), which as amended on June 19, 2013, would establish a Bridge Plan which would require the California Health Benefits Exchange to offer health care plans for low-income persons previously enrolled in the Medi-Cal or Healthy Families Programs, and for other qualified persons with incomes up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 12 to 1 on June 24, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

SB 528 (Yee), which as amended on June 20, 2013, would, among other provisions, require foster care placements for non-minor dependent parents and their children to demonstrate an ability to provide support and assistance to this population. The measure would make the previously mandated provisions under SB 528 permissive, including: 1) authorize a social worker to provide a dependent child age 12 years or older with age-appropriate, medically accurate information about sexual development, reproductive health, and prevention of unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections on an ongoing basis; 2) add parenting minor and non-minor dependents (foster youth) to the list of families who are eligible for subsidized State and Federal child care and development services, and that dependent parents are given priority for subsidized child care when slots become available, but not displace children currently receiving care; 3) authorize child welfare agencies, school districts, county offices of education, and child care resources and referral agencies to make coordinated efforts to

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ensure that minor and non-minor dependent parents who have not completed high school have access to school programs that provide onsite or coordinated child care; 4) encourage child welfare agencies to update case plans for pregnant and parenting dependents within 60 calendar days of the date the agency is informed of a pregnancy; and 5) specify that child welfare agencies may hold a specialized conference to assist pregnant or parenting foster youth and non-minor dependents with planning for healthy parenting.

SB 528 passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10 to 0 on June 25, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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